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See 37 CFR 1.27

3. Specification [Total Pages 17]
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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 11]

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11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

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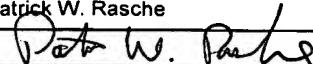
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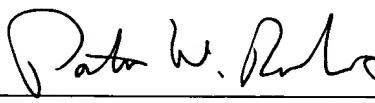
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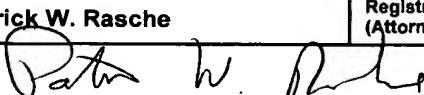


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